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**1932/01/04**

**Borough Council of West Chester, special meeting minutes (January 4, 1932, 7pm), in CCHS RG2 S1 SSB Box 3/10, "Borough Council Meeting Minutes" (1926-1938). Absent: Hoopes, Thorn.**

Borough Council received amended sign applications from Whelan Drug Co. and Carlson's [John Carlson, 14 N Matlack, auto repair (1932 Boro Dir)].

Borough Council approved Bell Telephone's request to string cable along N. Walnut Street to Virginia Avenue and along Rosedale Avenue between Walnut & Matlack Streets.

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**1932/01/04**

**Borough Council of West Chester, reorganization meeting minutes**

**(January 4, 1932, 8pm), 1932), in CCHS RG2 S1 SSB Box 3/10, "Borough Council Meeting Minutes" (1926-1938). Absent: Thorn.**

George E. Brinton was elected to Council (replacing Joseph Belt), and George Dewees and Thomas Hoopes were reelected to BC. George J. Brinton was reelected chief Burgess and J. Paul MacElree was reelected President of Council.

Thomas Hoopes [who missed almost every meeting for the last two years] was appointed chair of the Fire Committee and named to serve on the Street, Sewers, Budget & Finance, and Real Estate Committees.

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**1932/01/14**

**Borough Council of West Chester, regular meeting minutes (January 14, 1932), in CCHS RG2 S1 SSB Box 3/10, "Borough Council Meeting Minutes" (1926-1938). Absent: one of the two George Brintons**

Borough Council approved an electric sign permit for Luigi DiAnnuntio (104 W. Market Street).

Borough Council set their regular meeting time for the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm.

Lawyers from Holding & Harvey asked Borough Council to act on the damage claim by the owners of the Green Tree Building for land taken when N. High Street was widened.

Borough Council appointed the following Borough officials: Lawrence Reagan as Street & Sewer Commissioner at \$2,000 per year; Edwin B. Darlington as chief of the West Chester Police at \$1,800 per month; the following eleven police officers at \$135 per month: Ed Jackson, William P. Brennan, William C. Gill, Abraham Mosteller, Jerome Monaghan, Charles Margerum, Howard S. Heed, Abner Glisson, Michael Martin, Charles B. Dorsey Jr, and Ontonia Casenta.

Borough Council hired LeRoy Maxfield as the janitor at the Municipal Building for \$40 per month; Charles Leedom as "Chief engineer of the Milltown Water Works" for \$150 per month plus house rent; and Norman Roth as assistant engineer for \$125 per month plus house rent; Thomas G. Colesworthy as Borough engineer at a salary to be determined "from time to time" by Council; Joseph M. Pennell as the caretaker at Marshall Square Park for \$600 per

month; Edward Ritter as the caretaker at Everhart Park for \$900 per month; Robert E. Rowe and George Fritz as caretakers at the two sewer plants for \$135 per month; Joseph Belt to take care of the town clock for \$100 per year; George Newlin as the Borough Controller for \$1000 per year.

Borough Council also advertised for bids on the contract to supply 5,000 gallons of gasoline, 200 gallons of "heavy motor oil" and 200 gallons of "Artic winter oil" for 1932.

Borough Council set the property tax rate at 8 mills for 1932. [JJ: This is lower than 1931 when it was 10 mills (one dollar per hundred dollars of assessed value).]

Borough Council approved the 1932 budget for a total of \$282,275.22, including \$21,485 for the police.

Borough Council discussed the need for a new Borough truck and referred it to the Street Committee with instructions not to spend more than \$500.

Borough Council discussed the need to fence in one of the sewage disposal plants, but the minutes do not indicate which one.

Borough Council refused to approve the sign permits for Carlson's auto repair and Whelan's Drug Company because they were too large. Hoopes added that he thought "most electric signs were too large" and thought they should be limited to no more than an 18" extension beyond the front of the building and "all signs must be uniform, harmonious and securely fastened."

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### **1932/01/25**

**Borough Council of West Chester, special meeting minutes (January 25, 1932), in CCHS RG2 S1 SSB Box 3/10, "Borough Council Meeting Minutes" (1926-1938). Absent: Burgess George J. Brinton, George E. Brinton, Heed**

Borough Council voted to purchase a new Ford truck for \$521.60 less \$75 for the trade-in value of the old Dodge truck.

On a motion by Kerwin, seconded by Dewees, Borough Council voted to buy a new police motorcycle for a price not to exceed \$300.

Based on information that the plumber Charles King made an illegal water hookup at the Kimnach property on E. Gay Street east of the bridge, Borough Council discussed suspending his license and referred the matter to the solicitor.

The comptroller reported that the Borough spent a total of \$404,803.35 in 1931, and finished with a cash balance of \$54,468.73, up from \$25,648.04 at the end of 1930.

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1932/02/10 Borough Council of West Chester, regular meeting minutes (February 10, 1932), in CCHS RG2 S1 SSB Box 3/10, "Borough Council Meeting Minutes" (1926-1938). Absent: Burgess George J. Brinton

Borough Council received a petition from 24 property owners asking to change the name of Pyle Alley to West Preston Street.

Borough Council approved an electric sign for Luigi DiAnnuntio at 104 W. Market Street.

Borough Council voted to pay \$10 to join the Pennsylvania Fair Rate Association.

Borough Council awarded the Borough's gasoline contract to low bidder Gulf Refining Co. and the oil contract to the Pure Oil Co.

The contractor on the Green Tree building has agreed to stop allowing waste water from the heating system to enter the sanitary sewer.

Borough Council voted not to pay damages to the owner of the Green Tree building because the widening of High Street took no part of the building and it probably benefitted the property.

Fred Veit agreed to sell an 18-foot wide stop along the line separating his property from that of Samuel Howell to the Borough for \$400. The Borough will use it to create an entrance to the Taylor's Run sewage treatment plant from Downingtown Pike.

Borough Council approved an electric sign for Carlson's auto repair.

Borough Council approved the final payments to the engineering firm (Remington, Vosbury & Goff) and the contractor (Vincenzo DiFrancesco) for the sewage plant expansions.

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**1932/03/03**

**Borough Council of West Chester, special meeting minutes (March 3, 1932, 7pm), in CCHS RG2 S1 SSB Box 3/10, "Borough Council Meeting Minutes" (1926-1938).**

Borough Council reviewed the list of delinquent water customers.

"Mr. Dewees, Chairman of the Water Committee, presented a list of delinquent water bills. Repeated efforts have been made to collect these bills and final notice given that if bill is not paid by March 1st, the water on the premises will be cut off. After a review of the list, Mr. Dewees moved, seconded by Mr. Kerwin, that the water be shut off from the properties listed and that a charge of One Dollar be made for disconnection, as provided by Ordinance. The motion was adopted. All members present voted in favor. The list of delinquents, location of property and amounts due follows:"

Sharples Separator Company: \$473.96	424 S. Matlack St., L. Esposito:
L. B. Doran & Sons: 13.20	14.52
D. Bouney: 9.24	632 S. Matlack St., R. Stamper:
Dominick Sabatina: 41.10	10.89
309 S. Adams St., H. M. Peterson:	732-734 S. Matlack St., J. F. O'Neill:
7.26	29.04
503 S. Adams St., P. T. Durnall: 7.52	117 E. Miner St., J. Cohen: 14.52
301 S. Adams St., Chas. Norman:	633 E. Miner St., A. C. Jackson:
7.26	7.26
81. W. Barnard St., Fannie Swayne:	132 Wayne St., N. Spazannia: 14.52
14.52	21 Price St., Rebecca Taylor: 14.52
128 W. Chestnut St., W. F. Grubb:	113 S. Poplar St., W. Durnall: 7.26
14.52	104 N. New St., J. Ricci: 21.78
209 W. Chestnut St., M. & T. E.	427 N. New St., W. Badum: 14.52
Farrell: 16.33	117 S. New St., D. Miles: 21.78
211 W. Chestnut St., M. & T. E.	432 E. Miner St., C. Clark: 7.26
Farrell: 16.33	426 E. Miner St., M. Durnall: 5.26
426 W. Chestnut St., M. & T. E.	123 Linden St., L. Doran: 29.04
Farrell: 7.26	512 Nields St., L. Doran: 14.52
428 W. Chestnut St., M. & T. E.	Rear 121 W. Miner St., W. J.
Farrell: 8.47	Corcoran: 7.26
105 E. Chestnut St., L. Lear: 30.25	225 Evans St., H. Siegal: 7.26
249-251 E. Chestnut St., H. Siegal:	212 N. Franklin St., H. Siegal: 14.52

29.04	9 N. Franklin St., H. Siegal: 14.52
128 E. Market St., I. Snyder: 16.33	5 N. Franklin St., H. Siegal: 14.52
407-417 W. Market St., Chas.	410 N. Darlington St., H. Siegal:
Fullerton: 14.52	14.52
401 W. Market St., J. Fullerton: 7.26	221 S. Darlington St., H. Siegal:
125 Linden St., J. Doran: 29.04	10.89
305 Hannum Ave., H. Mobalia: 14.52	225 S. Darlington St., H. Siegal:
424 E. Gay St., H. Clemens: 7.26	10.89
423 S. Matlack St., W. Farra: 10.89	

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### **1932/03/09**

**Borough Council of West Chester, regular meeting minutes (March 9, 1932, 7pm), in CCHS RG2 S1 SSB Box 3/10, "Borough Council Meeting Minutes" (1926-1938). Absent: Burgess George J. Brinton**

Borough Council reappointed T. Edgar Walter to the Board of Health for five years.

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### **1932/04/13**

**Borough Council of West Chester, regular meeting minutes (April 13, 1932, 7pm), in CCHS RG2 S1 SSB Box 3/10, "Borough Council Meeting Minutes" (1926-1938). Absent: Burgess George J. Brinton**

Mrs. E. Page Allison asked Borough Council to fix up "Jackson Park" on Ashbridge Street (the land donated by Dr. Jackson). The "Town Planning Council" offered to donate some money to help with the project.

The president of the "Town Planning Council," Rodney Jefferis, asked Borough Council and the Board of Trade to consider creating a planning commission. On a motion by Hoopes, seconded by Dewees,, Borough Council voted 7-0 to create a commission to study the possibility of creating a planning commission.

Borough Council voted to rename Pyle Alley "W. Preston Street." Pyle alley as parallel to and located between Gay and Chestnut Streets, and ran from New to Darlington Street. [JJ: The modern name is Prescott Alley.]

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### **1932/04/15**

**Borough Council of West Chester, adjourned meeting minutes (April 15, 1932, 7pm), in CCHS RG2 S1 SSB Box 3/10, "Borough Council Meeting**

**Minutes" (1926-1938). Absent: MacElree, Thorn, Burgess George J. Brinton**

This meeting concerned various contractors and bids for building stone and other street paving materials.

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**1932/05/11**

**Borough Council of West Chester, regular meeting minutes (May 11, 1932), in CCHS RG2 S1 SSB Box 3/10, "Borough Council Meeting Minutes" (1926-1938). Absent: MacElree, George E. Brinton, Heed, Burgess George J. Brinton.**

Birmingham Township sent the Borough \$35 for fire service -- half of what they paid last year. This year, they divided their payment in half between the Borough and Concord Township.

Borough Council received a "communication" from "Miss Maria Brock, complaining of disorderly conditions in the eastern end of the Borough." Borough Council referred it to the Burgess. [JJ: The Burgess attended no council meetings for this year, and he communicated with council by letter. I wonder how they all got along?]

Borough Council received a letter from the Burgess with a list of the men he would like to appoint as special police officers. Borough Council objected that the letter included neither details of their duties nor the length of their terms of service, and they referred the letter to the Police Committee.

Enoch P. Hershey resigned as the "Health Officer of the Borough" and Borough Council appointed Warren T. Garrett to replace him

The Borough tax collector presented a list of "unemployed tax delinquents" and asked what to do with them. Borough Council referred his list to the Finance Committee.

A new sign ordinance was being prepared by Borough Council.

Channing Way refused an order to curb his property on Ashbridge Street.

Borough Council denied the electric sign request by the Turk's Head Inn.



The Town Planning Council promised to donate up to \$100 for the improvements at Jackson Park if the Borough Council would allow two Borough men to work on the project for a week. Borough Council approved the request but limited the value of the men's work to \$50.

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**1932/06/08**

**Borough Council of West Chester, regular meeting minutes (June 8, 1932, 6pm), in CCHS RG2 S1 SSB Box 3/10, "Borough Council Meeting Minutes" (1926-1938). Absent: Burgess George J. Brinton, Thorn**

Burgess George S. Brinton wrote to Borough Council that he swore in the following special police officers: Fred D. Clark, Alphonso Reid, Albert Chalmers, William Williams and Garrison Scott. hey are expected to keep order inside and outside of "McCormick's Hall, East Market Street" when dances are held. They will not be paid by the Borough.

Borough Council discussed the "recurring fires at the Borough Dump on West Miner Street." The Borough has five dumps, but this is the only that catches fire, and then only in the summer time. On a motion by Dewees, seconded by Heed, voted 6-0 not to use the dump in the summer months.

Borough Council approved a replacement sign for Peter Giunta (Lacey & Matlack Sts.) by a vote of 5-1 (Heed opposed); and signs for Pauline Huber (138 E. Gay St.) by a vote of 5-1 (Heed opposed), Harry Siegal (121 E. Market St.) by a vote of 5-1 (Heed opposed), Thomas Keating (601 S. Walnut St.) by a vote of 5-1 (MacElree opposed), Raymond Himelwright (5 S. High St.) by a vote of 5-1 (Heed opposed), and George B. Smith (120 E. Market St. storage warehouse) by a vote of 3-3 (Heed Dewees MacElree opposed). Borough Council also denied the second application or a sign at the Turk's Head Hotel by a vote of 6-0.

Borough Council accepted the bid from S. Grant & Company to supply about twenty shirts for the police department at \$2.20 a piece.

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**1932/07/13**

**Borough Council of West Chester, regular meeting minutes (July 13, 1932, 6pm), in CCHS RG2 S1 SSB Box 3/10, "Borough Council Meeting Minutes" (1926-1938). Absent: Burgess George J. Brinton, George E. Brinton**

The Borough's steam roller needs repairs.

Borough Council pass an ordinance requiring the owners of buildings with signs that extend perpendicular to the wall to pay a \$5 fee each year for a sign inspection.

The Town Planning Council offered to employ "unemployed men" to clean up Hoopes Park if the Borough provides a man to supervise them for sixty days. They will "pay the unemployed men for their work with food orders." Borough Council approved the plan by a 6-0 vote provided that the cost to the Borough did not exceed \$200.

Katherine Thornton of 413 S. Matlack St. asked the Borough to forgive her property tax bill.

Borough Council approved a sign for D. Edwards Biehn (northeast corner Church & Gay) on the Church Street side of his building.

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#### **1932/07/15**

**Borough Council of West Chester, adjourned meeting minutes (July 15, 1932, 6pm), in CCHS RG2 S1 SSB Box 3/10, "Borough Council Meeting Minutes" (1926-1938). Absent: MacElree, Burgess George J. Brinton, George E. Brinton, Thorn**

Borough Council met at the corner of Wayne and Miner Streets at the request of Herman Myers (345 W. Miner St.). He opposed a plan to pave the 000-block of S. Wayne Street because it would damage his trees.

Borough Council voted to send final notices to delinquent water customers.

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#### **1932/07/29**

**Borough Council of West Chester, special meeting minutes (July 29, 1932, 6pm), in CCHS RG2 S1 SSB Box 3/10, "Borough Council Meeting Minutes" (1926-1938). Absent: Burgess George J. Brinton, George E. Brinton, Thorn, Hoopes**

Borough Council voted to send all water bills to the landlord instead of tenants in the future. "The matter of delinquencies was discussed and given serious consideration by Council, the ability to pay and the various causes of delinquencies under present conditions were discussed, and it was the sense

of Council that the delinquents should be dealt with as leniently as the law would permit." Borough Council decided to have the Water Committee meet with all the delinquents and tell them to come to the August 10 Borough Council meeting to explain why the Borough should not shut off their water.

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**1932/08/10**

**Borough Council of West Chester, regular meeting minutes (August 10, 1932), in CCHS RG2 S1 SSB Box 3/10, "Borough Council Meeting Minutes" (1926-1938). Absent: George E. Brinton**

West Goshen Township requested that the Borough provide expanded fire coverage (i.e. more than one piece of equipment if needed) at a distance of up to one mile outside of the Borough. Borough Council agreed as long as West Goshen was willing to pay for it.

Mrs. Charles S. Paxson (302 S. Walnut St.) and Howard Shingle (430 S. Walnut St.) protested the fee for tapping into the Borough's water system, but Borough Council refused to budge.

[JJ: Since the next several pages of minutes (262-264) included details about people who could not pay their water bills, I scanned them in their entirety.]

[BEGIN SCANNED MATERIAL]

"Mr. Hoopes, Chairman of the Fire Committee, reported the application for permit to erect sign by D. L. Cohen, 128 E. Miner St. The matter was referred to the Fire Committee with power to act."

"Mr. Batcheler appeared before Council with reference to matter of curb he built along his property at Bernard and Franklin Sts. While the Street Committee has refused to accept the work, he claimed the work was done in accordance with specifications given to him."

"Mr. Kerwin, Chairman of the Street Committee, stated that the work is inferior and the material is not what is required. The Street Committee informed Mr. Batcheler that it would not O.K. the work as it did not think the Borough should pay for such inferior work."

"Street Commissioner Reagan stated that the curb is not the proper thickness and does not have the proper mix."

"Mr. Kerwin moved, seconded by Mr. Thorn: That the gutter in question be rejected by Council and that the Borough proceed to install its own gutter. Motion was unanimously adopted."

"Communication was read from the Sharples Separator Company with reference to delinquent water bill owed to the Borough by the Company. A check for Fifty Dollars was enclosed to be applied on account and a promise made that a check for a similar amount would be paid each Saturday until the bill was liquidated."

"Mr. Heed moved, seconded by Mr. Kerwin: That the proposition submitted by the Sharples Separator Company be accepted. Motion was adopted. All members present voting in favor."

"Communication was read from Frank R. Gilbert asking that he be given some of the Borough's printing work in order to help him pay his delinquent water rent and taxes. The Secretary was instructed to acknowledge receipt of the communication."

"At a Special Meeting of Borough Council on July 29th a motion was adopted instructing the Water Commissioner to see all persons who have not paid their flat rate water bills of April 1st, 1931 and meter bills of January 1st, 1933 and notify them that unless delinquent bills be paid by the next regular meeting of Council, August 10th, or unless they appear before Council at said meeting and give some good reason why such action should not be taken, their water will be shut off on the following day."

"Water Commissioner Reagan reported that all delinquents have been notified in accordance with instructions given him in the above action of council."

"In the matter of bill of Chas. McCormick, 27 North Walnut Street, notice has been given and there was no one present at Council meeting to give reason for not shutting off the water. Mr. Dewees moved, seconded by Mr. Thorn: That the Water Commissioner be instructed to shut off water supply in said property. Motion was unanimously adopted."

"Daniel Egio, 200 North Church Street, addressed Council, saying that he has been unable to pay delinquent water bills because he has been out of work and is receiving no income from the apartments in his property. He has a wife and two children. This is the first time he has

been delinquent in his water bill. Mr. Dewees moved, seconded by Mr. Hoopes: That the matter be deferred for one month on condition that the owner make an effort to make payment on account. Motion was adopted. All members present voted in favor."

"Wm. Freng, 110 and 113 East Gay Street has been notified and no one appeared to state reason to Council for deferring action. Mr. Heed moved, seconded by Mr. Hoopes: That the water supply in properties of Wm. Freng, 110 and 113 East Gay Street, be shut off. Motion was adopted. All members present voted in favor."

"The Supply of water in premises, 132 West Gay Street, occupied by D. Sabatina, has already been shut off, Mr. Reagan reported."

"Mr. Heed moved, seconded by Mr. Dewees: That action in matter of delinquent water bill of Wm. Jackson, West Miner Street be deferred for one month as Mr. Jackson has recently died. Motion was unanimously adopted."

"In the matter of delinquent water bill of the State Armory, it was reported that bill has been forwarded to Harrisburg and Capt. Reilly expects an early remittance. Mr. Dewees moved, seconded by Mr. Heed: That action on matter of delinquent water bill of State Armory be deferred for one month. Motion was adopted. All members present voted in favor."

"Mr. Reagan reported that Mrs. William Tigue has made a payment on account of her bill and promises to pay more as soon as possible. Mr. Kerwin moved, seconded by Mr. Thorn: That action on matter of delinquent water bill of Mrs. William Tigue be deferred for one month. Motion was adopted. All members present voted in favor."

"Mr. Dewees moved, seconded by Mr. Heed: That action in the matter of delinquent water bill of Chas. Norman, 301 East Barnard Street, be deferred for one month. Motion was unanimously adopted."

"Rachel Wesley sent a letter telling of her inability to pay at this time and promising to pay as soon as possible. Mr. Dewees moved, seconded by Mr. Hoopes: That action on matter of delinquent water bill of Rachel Wesley be deferred for one month. Motion was adopted. All members present voted in favor."

"The Commissioner was instructed to shut off water supply in property owned by W. Frank Grubb, 128 West Chestnut Street."

"Mr. Dewees moved, seconded by Mr. Heed: That action in matter of delinquent water bill of Mrs. L. F. Lear, 105 East Chestnut Street, be deferred for one month. Motion was unanimously adopted."

"H. Clemens, 424 East Gay Street, has been notified and no word received from him. Mr. Dewees moved, seconded by Mr. Hoopes: That water supply in property of H. Clemens, 423 East Gay Street, be shut off. Motion was adopted. All members present voted in favor."

"Mr. Heed moved, seconded by Mr. Hoopes: That action on matter of delinquent water bill of Fannie Butcher, 204 West Fayette Street, be deferred for one month. Motion was unanimously adopted."

"Mr. Dewees moved, seconded by Mr. Hoopes: That action on matter of delinquent water bill of L. B. Doran, 125 Linden Street, be deferred for one month. Motion was adopted. All members present voted in favor."

"Charles Fullerton, two properties, 407 and 417 West Market Street was notified and no word received from him. Mr. Dewees moved, seconds by Mr. Kerwin: That water supply in properties of Charles Fullerton, 407 and 417 West Market Street, be shut off. Motion was adopted. All members present voted in favor."

"Mr. Dewees moved, seconded by Mr. Hoopes: That action on matter of delinquent water bill of Henry Countee, 114 South Matlack Street, be deferred for one month. Motion was adopted unanimously."

"Mr. Hoopes moved, seconded by Mr. Heed: That action on matter of delinquent water bill of Sara Howard, 410 East Miner Street, be deferred for one month. Motion was adopted. All members present voted in favor."

"Wm. Badum, 457 North New Street, addressed Council, saying he was unable to pay his delinquent water bill as he has not had work for some time and has considerable money standing out that he cannot collect. He will make a determined effort to pay by next month. Mr. Dewees moved, seconded by Mr. Kerwin: That Mr. Badum be given one month in which to pay his delinquent water bill and if it is not paid then, the

water will be shut off. Motion was adopted, All members present voted in favor."

"Mr. Dewees moved, seconded by Mr. Heed: That action in matter of delinquent water bill of L. B. Doran property 513 Nields Street, be deferred for one month. Motion was adopted. All members present voted in favor."

"Mr. Dewees moved, seconded by Mr. Heed: That action in matter of delinquent water bill of Frank P. Grant, 114 West Union Street, be deferred for one month. Motion was unanimously adopted."

"Mr. Dewees moved, seconded by Mr. Thorn: That action in matter of delinquent water bill of Samuel McDonald, East Washington Street, be deferred for one month. Motion was adopted. All members present voted in favor."

"N. Spazziana, 142 Wayne Street, has been notified and no word received from him. Mr. Dewees moved, seconded by Mr. Hoopes: That water supply in property of N. Spazziana, 142 Wayne Street, be shut off. Motion was unanimously adopted."

"Representative of Harry Siegal was present and asked that an extension be given him in the payment of his delinquent water bills. Water Commissioner Reagan reported that Mr. Siegal is a persistent offender in the matter of paying his water bills and the same trouble is had with him each year. After a discussion by Council, Mr. Dewees moved, seconded by Mr. Hoopes: That water supply [be shut off] in all properties owned by Harry Siegal where bill are delinquent. Motion was adopted. All members present voted in favor."

"Mr. P. H. Corcoran appeared before Council in the matter of delinquent water bills. Mr. Corcoran stated he has a great many tenants back in their rents and he has distressed nobody. He feels sure that he will be able to pay up all delinquencies during the coming month. Mr. Thorn moved, seconded by Mr. Dewees: That action in the matter of delinquent water bills of P. H. Corcoran be deferred for one month. Motion was adopted. All members present voted in favor."

"Communication was read from the Pennsylvania State Department of Health asking for certain information regarding the income of

waterworks per year and the total cost of operating per year. No action was taken by Council on the Communication."

"The following reports were read and ordered to be filed: Tax Collector, Police, Water Analysis, Burgess, Treasurer."

"Mr. Reagan presented to Council the plan for a wading pool that the Playground Association would like to install in Everhart Park. He said he had submitted a sample of the water at the park to LaWall and Harrison for analysis and they reported that the water was unfit to wade in."

"After some discussion of the matter by Council, Mr. Dewees moved, seconded by Mr. Hoopes: That permission to install wading pool in Everhart Park be refused. Motion was adopted. All members present voted in favor."

"Borough Solicitor Knauer was asked to act temporarily as Secretary and Mr. Heed moved, seconded by Mr. Thorn: That the Secretary of Council, Fred J. Wahl, be extended the heartiest congratulations of Council on the occasion of his birthday that occurs to day. The motion was unanimously adopted."

[END SCANNED MATERIAL]

Borough Council voted 6-0 to provide water free of charge to the Chester County Hospital and the Homeopathic Hospital.

Borough Council voted 6-0 to order John Hawthorne to disconnect the water spigot on his property near Milltown. It was originally "used for the Tourist camp several years ago" but has "long since been abandoned."

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**1932/09/14**

**Borough Council of West Chester, regular meeting minutes (September 14, 1932, 6pm), in CCHS RG2 S1 SSB Box 3/10, "Borough Council Meeting Minutes" (1926-1938). Absent: MacElree, Burgess George J. Brinton, George E. Brinton.**

The Borough of Media asked if the Borough of West Chester had received permission from the state to take water out of Ridley Creek during the recent drought. Borough Council ordered the secretary to send them a letter saying "yes."



There was a epidemic of infantile paralysis in Philadelphia and the suburbs.

Borough Council voted 5-0 to supply the West Goshen request for increased fire protection, but asked the secretary to inquire about the fee they are willing to pay.

Borough Council voted to extend water service for a month for Dan Egio (5-0); Mrs. William Tigue (vote not given); L. B. Doran (512 E. Nields St., 5-0); Henry Countee (5-0); Sarah Howard (5-0). They voted to refer to the solicitor the cases of William Jackson (estate, 5-0); and Sharples Separator Works (5-0); and to continue Frank Grant (5-0), Sam McDonald (5-0) and William J. Corcoran (W. Miner, 5-0).

J. B. Simon & Sons submitted a bill for \$20 for cartridges. Borough Council referred it to the Police Committee.

Borough Council rejected William B. Smith's request to oil the street in front of his house at 200 W. Ashbridge Street because the budget for street oiling was already exhausted.

Borough Council approved a sign at 318 S. High Street for Mrs. Wengert. They refused a sign (5-0) for H. N. Spears at 29 N. Church.

Borough Council received a letter concerning J. C. Murtaugh's collision with a Borough-owned truck.

There were 121 outstanding traffic tickets. Borough Council voted (5-0) to send a letter to the Burgess, asking him to attend the next meeting and offer an explanation. [JJ: During his 1930- 1931 term, Burgess George J. Brinton attended almost every meeting, but in 1932-33, he never attended.]

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### **1932/09/21**

**Borough Council of West Chester, special meeting minutes (September 21, 1932, 8am), in CCHS RG2 S1 SSB Box 3/10, "Borough Council Meeting Minutes" (1926-1938). Absent: Burgess George J. Brinton**

The drought was serious and the Borough had only a 4-5 day supply of water on hand. They decided to ask Westtown School if they could use a 6" main from their pond to the Milltown pumping station. Then they recessed to go to Westtown to inspect their dam.

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**1932/09/22**

**Borough Council of West Chester, reconvened special meeting minutes (September 22, 1932, 8:30am), in CCHS RG2 S1 SSB Box 3/10, "Borough Council Meeting Minutes" (1926-1938). Absent: Burgess George J. Brinton**

Borough Council agreed to pay \$25 per day to Westtown School for the right to pump water.

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**1932/09/23**

**Borough Council of West Chester, special meeting minutes (September 23, 1932, 8am), in CCHS RG2 S1 SSB Box 3/10, "Borough Council Meeting Minutes" (1926-1938). Absent: Burgess George J. Brinton, Heed, Thorn**

Borough Council received a letter from the Westtown School offering the right to pump water \$25 per day until January 1, 1933. Borough Council voted 5-0 to accept those terms.

Borough Council decided to spend \$3,800 on pipe from the South Chester Tube Company.

After a recess, they reconvened at 9:30am with Burgess George J. Brinton, George E. Brinton and Thorn absent. Borough Council discussed the situation. Westtown Dam has a 400,000 gallon per day "overflow." They agreed to keep the pipe to Ridley Creek in place as an emergency.

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**1932/09/28**

**Borough Council of West Chester, reconvened special meeting minutes (September 28, 1932, 9:00am), in CCHS RG2 S1 SSB Box 3/10, "Borough Council Meeting Minutes" (1926-1938). Absent: Burgess George J. Brinton, Thorn, Heed**

Borough Council discussed more details about the Westtown water deal.

Borough Council agreed to pave E. Barnard Street from Adams to Worthington Street.

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**1932/10/12**

**Borough Council of West Chester, regular meeting minutes (October 12, 1932, 7pm), in CCHS RG2 S1 SSB Box 3/10, "Borough Council Meeting Minutes" (1926-1938). Absent: Burgess George J. Brinton, Thorn Heed, Kerwin**

Gus Pappas (business on the southeast corner of Gay and High Street) complained about taxi cabs and the people who waited for them in front of his business. Borough Council referred his complaint to the Burgess.

The "Committee of Business men" invited Borough Council to join them "to participate in a parade" for the opening of the "Better Business Campaign."

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**1932/11/09**

**Borough Council of West Chester, regular meeting minutes (November 9, 1932, 7pm), in CCHS RG2 S1 SSB Box 3/10, "Borough Council Meeting Minutes" (1926-1938). Absent: Burgess George J. Brinton, George E. Brinton, Kerwin**

After hearing a report that it reduced heating costs, Borough Council voted to purchase the "Belt heat control clock" for \$105. They had been using it for months on a trial basis in the municipal building.

Borough Council voted to defer the delinquent water bills for Dan Egio, William Jackson, L. B. Doran, Henry Countee, Sarah Howard, Samuel MacDonald and the Sharples Separator Works.

Mr. & Mrs. William Ingram ([612] N. Franklin Street) complained about weeds on the P. M. Sharpless property across the street from her house. Borough Council referred it to the Burgess.

Thomas Edmonton offered to paint numbers and hands on the Town Clock for nine dollars. [not in 1932 WC Boro Dir]

PA Governor Gifford Pinchot sent a letter authorizing Borough governments to "make loans for the purpose of emergency relief." Borough Council voted 5-0 to "place it on the table" i.e. no action.

Borough Council began to discuss the need for a long-term solution to the water supply problem.

Mr. Walker and Yarnall from the Westtown School addressed Borough Council regarding the right to draw water out of the Chester Creek. Evidently both the Borough and Westtown School had the right to use the Chester Creek, based on an arrangement that resulted from a law suit in 1900. The Westtown representatives said they "felt sure that West Chester has been taking more out of this stream than was granted to them at the time of this action." While stressing that they don't want to seem argumentative, they suggested that they might take the dispute to the newspapers.

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**1932/12/14**

**Borough Council of West Chester, regular meeting minutes (December 14, 1932, 7pm), in CCHS RG2 S1 SSB Box 3/10, "Borough Council Meeting Minutes" (1926-1938). Absent: MacElree, Burgess George J. Brinton, George E. Brinton, Kerwin**

Borough Council received a "communication" from the "Pennsylvania Road Builder of Altoona" which asked for Borough's support of the Williamson Bill in January 1933 which would direct part of the gas tax back to municipal governments.

James M. Pernell applied to become the caretaker at Marshall Square Park.

Phoenixville Borough will host a meeting on January 11, 1933 for Borough officials to discuss how to get PECO to lower their rates for lighting electricity.

Borough Council received a letter from the US Department of Commerce requesting information about the town's planning commission.

Borough Council discussed the year-end bills and set the 1933 sewer rate.

Borough Council instructed Borough solicitor Knauer to write a letter to the Pennsylvania Railroad concerning the railing on the Gay Street bridge. It was in bad shape and the Philadelphia & West Chester Street Railway Company told Borough Council it was the PRR's responsibility.

Borough Council granted PECO the right to replace the gas line along Maple Street.

One of the Borough's horses died.

C. C. Hipple offered to sell the Borough a second-hand 6-ton Ford truck for \$150.

Borough Council voted to cut off water service in five days to delinquent customers Dan Egio, L. B. Doran (125 Linden Street), Henry Countee, the estate of William Jackson (owed \$16.90). They referred Sarah Howard's case to the solicitor. They have not yet received any money from the Sharples Separator Works, so Borough Council instructed the solicitor to write to the company and insist on \$100 a week, or else the water will be shut off.

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